

**Proposed USDA Imagery
Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Contracts
November 23, 2004**

The following proposal will be presented and discussed at the USDA Imagery Planning Meeting, December 7-8, Salt Lake City, UT. The agency participants in attendance will help determine whether it is to the advantage of USDA to pursue establishing these types of contracts in FY-05.

The Farm Service Agency, US Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service acquire aerial photography and digital orthoimagery derived products for use in operating agency programs and activities. Often new imagery is required on short notice to map or analyze the extent of natural disasters, accommodate new programs or to address emerging land management issues within short photo periods. Sometimes multiple agencies have similar imagery requirements in the same geographical area. When coordinated, new imagery can be purchased at less cost and greater efficiencies by having a single aerial firm acquire imagery to meet each agencies requirement.

In order for the APFO contract administration staff and industry to better respond to USDA imagery needs on short notice, we are proposing the following IDIQ contracts be established for USDA agencies. The contracts would cover a 3-5 year period. Each contract is intended to meet our most common imagery requirements. Once established, task orders can be written and negotiated with vendors on very short notice without having to issue a request for proposal. The contracts would allow agencies to be more flexible in having their specific imagery requirements fulfilled under the broad scope of these contracts. Agencies will need to be assured their deadlines and timelines for imagery would not be sacrificed or delayed by using these contracts.

1) Spot photography. Acquire large scale imagery (1:4800 to 1:7920) to meet NRI, FIA, CEAP, WRP, compliance and other small projects. Include options for single images, short flight lines, reconnaissance strips, different film types, digital sensors, prints or film positives, stereo pairs, vertical or oblique imagery, leaf off/on, scanning and orthorectification.

2) Block photography. Acquire mid-scale imagery (1:12000 to 1:24000) to satisfy program needs for resource photography, soil surveys, wetland studies, etc. Typically this imagery would be flown as continuous flight lines to cover areas such as single counties or national forests in stereo format. Include options for different film types, digital sensors, prints or film positives, leaf on/off, scanning and orthorectification.

3) NAIP. This IDIQ contract is already in place. The basic deliverable is natural color orthoimagery flown during the growing season and delivered as either one meter tiles and/or compressed county mosaics over large geographical areas and states.